

taken to help the plastic industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). The new Industrial Policy has been announced only recently and its impact on various industries including plastic industry will manifest itself over a period of time. The expectation is that the New Industrial Policy will give an impetus to the growth of industries.

### **Food Processing Industries in Karnataka**

5641. SHRIS.B. SIDNAL: Will the FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have submitted to the Union Government any proposals for setting up of food processing industries in that State; and

(b) if so, the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared and the number of food processing industries likely to be set up in the State during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHARGOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals submitted by the Karnataka Government was returned to them after examination with a request to reformulate the same as per the guidelines of this Ministry for providing plan assistance. The revised proposals have not been received from the Karnataka government. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up directly any food processing units in any State and, therefore, it is not possible to give the number of food processing industries

likely to be set up in the State of Karnataka in 1991-92.

### **Mobility of S&T Personnel within and between Scientific Departments**

5642. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no system of transfer of responsibilities or transfer of location following every promotion of scientific and technical personnel in scientific departments; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce mobility of scientific and technical personnel within and between scientific departments especially on their promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). The Scientific and Technical personnel get their promotions under the Flexible Complementing Scheme. Under this scheme the promotions are given in situ after completion of prescribed period of residence and fulfilment of prescribed norms.

[Translation]

### **After Sale Service of H.M.T. Watches**

5643. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:  
SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR:  
SHRI RAM PRAKASH  
CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the after sale service of

H.M.T. watches is not undertaken by the company itself particularly in Delhi and Haryana and this work has been entrusted by the company to the private authorised dealers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to provide after sale Service by the company itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). HMT undertakes repairs of those watches which are within the guarantee period and sold directly by them. The authorised service agents undertake repairs of those watches which are within the guarantee period and directly sold by them. However, in exceptional cases if authorised service agents are unable to repair them or if customer insists, HMT accepts such repair work. In Delhi and Haryana facilities are provided through HMT's authorised service outlets.

(c) There is a proposal to increase the No. of authorised agents keeping in view the increased HMT watches in the market.

### Production of HMT Watches

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SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR:  
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CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(A) whether HMT watches are considered to be of the best quality in the World;

(b) if so, whether the production of the said watches is insufficient compared to the demand;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of HMT production units alongwith their locations with the daily production capacity thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHR P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The performance of HMT watches compares favourably with similar watches produced in foreign countries. Till date HMT has sold over 65 million watches and has been able to meet the demand for their watches.

(d) The details of 5 watch factories of HMT are as follows:-

<i>Location</i>	<i>Capacity per day</i>	<i>Qty. in lakhs Production in 1990-91</i>
Watch factory I & II Bangalore, Karnataka	5,000	15
Watch factory III Srinagar, Kashmir	666	2
Watch factory IV Tumkur, Karnataka	10,667	32
Watch factory V Ranibagh, U.P.	4,667	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>63</b>